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## JOINT PRESS STATEMENT

## THE FOURTH ASEAN DIRECTORS-GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS AND HEADS OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS DIVISIONS OF MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MEETING PLUS THREE CONSULTATION (4<sup>TH</sup> DGICM + 3 CONSULTATION)

## Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, 14 August 2025

- 1. The 4<sup>th</sup> DGICM + 3 Consultation was held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, on 14 August 2025. The Consultation was co-chaired by Mr. Haji Azmi bin Haji Abdul Rahim, Acting Director of the Department of Immigration and National Registration, Ministry of Home Affairs, Brunei Darussalam and Mr. Kimizuka Hiroshi, Associate Commissioner, Immigration Services Agency of Japan. The Consultation was attended by the Heads of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the ASEAN Member States, People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, as well as representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat. Timor-Leste attended as Observer.
- 2. The Consultation exchanged views on opportunities for cooperation in the areas of immigration, consular affairs and border management within the DGICM + 3 framework. The ASEAN Member States conveyed gratitude to the Plus Three countries for their continued support and assistance toward ASEAN's efforts in strengthening the capacity and capabilities of ASEAN immigration and consular authorities.
- 3. The Consultation discussed the implementation status of the DGICM + 3 Work Programme (2023-2027) and looked forward to its continued and effective implementation.
- 4. The Consultation expressed its gratitude for Cambodia's offer to host the 5<sup>th</sup> DGICM + 3 Consultation that would be held in conjunction with the 29<sup>th</sup> DGICM and Its Related Meetings in 2026 in Cambodia.





- 5. The Consultation extended its appreciation to the Government and people of Brunei Darussalam for the excellent arrangements made for the Consultation and the gracious hospitality extended to all delegates.
- 6. The Co-Chairs conveyed their gratitude to all delegates from the ASEAN Member States, Timor-Leste, People's Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the ASEAN Secretariat for their commitment and valuable inputs, contributing to the successful outcome of the Consultation. The Consultation was conducted in the traditional spirit of ASEAN solidarity and cordiality.